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Timely Tidbits ...

New "Tree" Videos at Public Library

Using grant money from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division, the Romulus Public Library has purchased the following videos about trees:

- Planting and Staking Landscape Trees
- Coniferous Trees
- In Celebration of Trees
- All About Forest Ecosystems
- Deciduous Forests
- A Closer Look at Trees

All six are available for checkout, with a circulation period of three days.

Water-use Violators Face \$500 Fine

On August 6, the Romulus City Council amended its "emergency water conservation" ordinance to:

- provide for odd-even watering days (or total prohibition of outdoor watering) during any officially designated "water supply emergency" and
 - establish penalties for violators.
- According to the new ordinance, persons using water from the City of Romulus Water Supply System for the purpose of watering their lawns or landscaping must do so on an alternate-day basis (even-numbered days for property with an even-numbered street address; odd-numbered days for an odd-numbered address) when a water emergency has been announced by broadcast from a radio or TV station with a normal operating range covering the city. The Director of the Department of Public Works may, upon request, provide exceptions to this restriction in the case of new lawn or landscaping installations, or where necessary to prevent imminent financial loss to the water user. The ordinance does not prohibit the recreational use of sprinklers by children.

Violators may be fined a maximum of \$10 for a first offense; \$500 for subsequent offenses. □

Police Department Hires New Officers

On July 16, 2001, Mayor William M. Oakley and Chief Charles Kirby welcomed three new officers to the ranks of the Romulus Police Department. Officers Larry Droege, Paul Kline, and Roger Salwa were sworn in by City Clerk Linda Choate in a ceremony held in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall.

Droege, Kline, and Salwa are all recent graduates of regional police academies; this is their first job as law-enforcement officers. Currently, they are assigned to work with members of the department's Field Training Officers cadre. Each will undergo three and a half months of intense training, designed to teach the daily responsibilities of a Romulus police officer.

The three were hired to fill vacancies created by officers who have left the department.

New Dispatchers Hired

On July 23, Tiarra Adams, Michael Champagne, and Colleen Johnson were hired as civilian police-fire dispatchers for the City of Romulus. They are cur-



Recently sworn into duty were new police officers (from left) Larry Droege, Roger Salwa, and Paul Kline.

rently assigned to work with Field Training Dispatchers and will also undergo a four-month training program.

The dispatchers were hired to fill vacancies created by the retirement of James Poet and Terry Sands and the resignation of Shannon Wright.

"Dispatcher Sands retired on July 4 after serving over 25 years as a dispatcher with the City," said RPD Commander Eric D. Painter. "He started

back in '73 with the Romulus Fire Department, then became a police/fire dispatcher when the Police Department was getting started in 1981.

"Dispatcher Poet also started with the Fire Department in 1973 and became a police/fire dispatcher in 1981," Painter continued. "His retirement was effective August 7."

Plans are underway to honor both Poet and Sands with a golf outing. □

Mark Your Calendars for St. Aloysius Festival

Alas, the end of summer is near, but Romulus-area residents can finish it off with a bang by attending the 51st annual St. Aloysius Festival.

Everyone is invited to take part in this "local institution," which will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Friday, August 24, from 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, August 25, from 1 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, August 26, from 1 to 9 p.m.

Highlights include:

Dunk Tank

This year's dunk tank will give community residents a chance to tell local politicians and other prominent citizens, "Go soak your head!" ... then make them do just that! Those who have good-naturedly agreed to take part in the fun include (all times are p.m.):

- Stacey Prater (Fri., 6:30 to 7:30)
- Bill Sovinski III (Fri., 7:30 to 8:30; Sat., 8:30 to 9:30)
- Mike Gamble (Sat., 1:30 to 2:30)
- Bill Crane (Sat., 2:30 to 3:30)
- LeRoy Burcroff (Sat., 3:30 to 4:30)
- Mike Prybyla (Sat., 4:30 to 5:30)
- Bill Crova (Sat., 5:30 to 6:30)
- Bill Wadsworth (Sat., 6:30 to 7:30)
- Randy Gear (Sat., 7:30 to 8:30)

- Mary Confer (Sun., 1:30 to 2:30)
- Dawn Forter (Sun., 2:30 to 3:30)
- Don Morris (Sun., 3:30 to 4:30)
- Alan Lambert (4:30 to 5:30)
- Steve Lewkowicz (5:30 to 6:30)
- Mike Wojtylko (6:30 to 7:30)

Las Vegas Games

For many festival-goers, one of the biggest attractions is the Las Vegas tent, where adults (age 18 and older) can try their luck at the game of blackjack. Betting varies from a minimum of \$1 to a maximum of \$5, with a maximum winnings per person per day of \$500. This year, the tent will be open throughout the Festival.

Bingo!

For diehard bingo fans, a festival just isn't festive without a chance to indulge in their favorite pastime - and, luckily for them, the St. Aloysius Festival will again feature play throughout the entire weekend. Cards for the 50/50 games (half the income collected from each game is used for prize money) are two for a quarter per game.

Raffles

Of course, the easiest way to try your luck is to invest in one or two (or three or four or ...) raffle tickets. Ticket-

buyers can choose between the 50/50 Hourly Raffle (\$1 tickets; cash prizes of half the money from each hour's sales) or the One-for-\$1/Six-for-\$5 Raffle (three large prizes: \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$500).

Better yet, since the proceeds from all raffles benefit the St. Aloysius General Fund, why not buy plenty of each?

Games/Arcade

Because the St. Aloysius Festival is meant to be a special event enjoyed by the entire community, those who put together the games and arcade section of the Festival try their best to offer a mixture of attractions for wide appeal. Both the young and the young-at-heart will enjoy "checking out" this year's old favorites and new challenges.

Entertainment

Music will again be the backbone of the free entertainment at the St. Aloysius Festival. Come out to listen and/or dance to the music of Counter Clockwise (Friday from 7 to 11 p.m.), Pan Franek (Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Channel 6 (Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.), and Misty Blues (Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m.).

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Local Scholarships Awarded



Mayor William M. Oakley awards \$1,000 scholarships to Kristin Godard (left) and Tiarra Adams.

Two local organizations have generously awarded scholarships to area residents who are seeking to continue their educations.

Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force

Each year, the Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force of the City of Romulus awards two \$1,000 scholarships to Romulus residents who are enrolled in a college or trade school. Applicants are judged on the profession they are pursuing and present financial need; neither the student's age nor his/her past grade point average is used to determine eligibility.

This year's recipients are Tiarra Adams, a 19-year-old seeking a degree in law enforcement at Schoolcraft College, and Kristin Godard, a 2001 graduate of Romulus High School who is enrolled at the Specs Howard School of Broadcasting to pursue a career in the broadcast arts.

Task Force scholarships are awarded annually each spring. Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the application process is encouraged to contact the office of Mayor William M. Oakley at Romulus City Hall (734-942-7571).

Romulus Police Officers' Association

The Romulus Police Officers' Association (RPOA) has awarded a \$500 college scholarship to Justin Benci, a 19-year-old Romulus resident who aspires to become a Romulus police officer after completing his education.

In 1997, the RPOA established an annual scholarship to be awarded to a member of the Romulus Police Explorers Division, an organization formed by the Romulus Police Department in 1995 for youths who have an interest in a law-enforcement career. Benci, who has been an Explorer for more than two years and currently holds the rank of lieutenant in the division, was chosen to receive this year's scholarship due to his dedication and current grade point average (above 3.0).

The scholarship is funded, in part, by the RPOA's annual golf outing. This year's event was held at Shady Hollow Golf Course on August 3.

The Romulus Police Explorers Division is open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 21 who is thinking of a career in law enforcement. For more information, contact Officer Jeff Lazarski (734-942-6877). □



RPOA President Duane Smith hands Justin Benci a \$500 check as Officer Jeff Lazarski looks on.

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Wick Principal Debbie Juriga Nominated for NCA Award

Citing her exceptional contributions to the schools, students, and community of Romulus, the Michigan Chapter of the North Central Association (NCA) has nominated Wick Elementary School Principal Debbie Juriga for its "Excellence in Education" Award. She is one of only two Michigan educators nominated for this prestigious award.

Among the most noteworthy of Juriga's accomplishments has been her leadership of the Romulus Community Schools' successful efforts to acquire the NCA's coveted "Transitions" accreditation status for every district school.

The NCA's "Excellence in Education" Award is named in honor of its former Executive Director, John W. Vaughn, who had a long and distinguished career. Each year, only six such awards are presented to educators from across the country at the National NCA's annual meeting, held in February in Chicago. □



Debbie Juriga

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Crafts/White Elephant

Twenty eight-foot tables will be covered with everything from Christmas

gifts to baked goods. It's a great way to get a jump on your holiday shopping!

Food . . .

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For more "traditional" carnival fare, stop by Hamburger Villa for hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, pizza, chips, coffee, and pop.

. . . and Drink

This year's Spirit Tent will serve chips, pretzels, pop, and "nonalcoholic beer" in addition to wine, wine coolers, and beer by the pitcher and the cup. Of course, you must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcohol. □

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McCabe, Raspberry-Fisher Retire



Rose Raspberry-Fisher (pictured here with her first-grade class at Barth) proudly displays the congratulatory roses she received on her last day.

Two outstanding Romulus Community Schools teachers retired at the end of the 2000-2001 school year. Both Rose Raspberry-Fisher, a first-grade teacher at Barth Elementary School, and Patricia McCabe, a kindergarten teacher at Cory Elementary, taught in the district for 31 years.

Raspberry-Fisher will begin her retirement with some travel to California and Las Vegas, Nevada this summer. Then she plans on helping her daughter, Lisa Raspberry – a Detroit elementary-school teacher – as a classroom volunteer, and also assisting at the Rivergate Nursing Home, working with her sister, Carolyn Raspberry. After a year or two of that, she reports, she "may go into something else."

Raspberry-Fisher was held in high esteem by her students, their parents, and her colleagues. She frequently gave additional time to district activities such as the school-improvement team and the promotion, retention, screening, and report-card committees. She was commended by one administrator as "an outstanding teacher with the ability to deliver instruction to students using a variety of strategies, thus enhancing learning and sparking enthusiasm."

McCabe intends to travel this summer and then attend the National Storytelling Festival in Tennessee during the month of October. Her husband John, also a retired teacher, is especially looking forward to this event. Later, they plan to open a private driver-education school in the Manchester, Michigan area. McCabe also plans on doing some consulting work on the Romulus Community Schools' kindergarten program, helping the district move into the all-day/every-day kindergarten program.

McCabe served the district as a teacher at Beverly, Harrison, Mt. Pleasant, Barth, and Cory elementary schools during her career in Romulus. She distinguished herself through extra efforts such as winning a Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency mini-grant for computer education, as well as service on the social-studies, reading, and math textbook-selection committees. She also served as a Romulus Education Association official for years, holding several offices during that time.

We extend our best wishes to both Raspberry-Fisher and McCabe for a long and happy retirement, and commend them for their countless contributions to the children of Romulus. □



Patricia McCabe (pictured here with her kindergarten students at Cory Elementary) enjoyed her congratulatory roses, as well.



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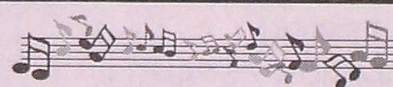
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VISTA Helpers Work with Kids from Schools, Boys & Girls Club

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In the fall, when the 2001-2002 school year begins, the full-year assis-

tants will work with Kathy Hurst, Service-learning Coordinator, to develop a service-learning program at the elementary, middle-school, and high-school levels.

So far, the assistants seem to agree that working in the summer-school/Boys & Girls Club program has been as enriching for the instructors as it has for the students.

"I really enjoyed teaching Spanish at the Wick School site this summer," said Nicole McMundy, a 2001 graduate of Romulus High School who is one of the three full-year assistants. "It's been a great learning experience and wonderful opportunity for me." □



Participants at the Boys & Girls Club's Wick School site include (from left) Raven Parnell, Kaylan Robb, Alex Hancock, Kierra Sandefur, Makayla Williams, and Beatrice Boyd.

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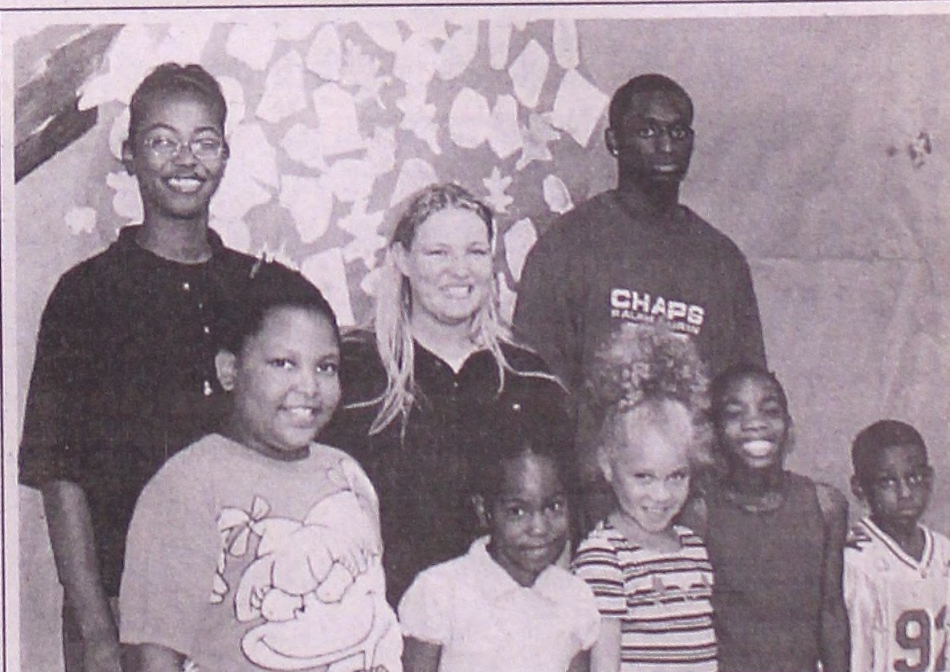
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VISTA Grant recipients Nicole McMundy and (back, right) Kelly Abdo taught Spanish to Boys & Girls Club students, including (from left) Richard Bennet, Jamarco Stephens, Jessica Letts, William Williams, Antonio Pressley, Angelique Blackmon, Dondre Fields, and Shamir Peggs.



VISTA helpers D'aun Dawson (back, center) and Carleton McCauley (back, right) and Boys & Girls Club helper Candice Howell (back, left) worked with art students (front, from left) Jasmine Harris, Dasha Melchor, Brittany Francis, Deandre Thomas, and Todd Wade.

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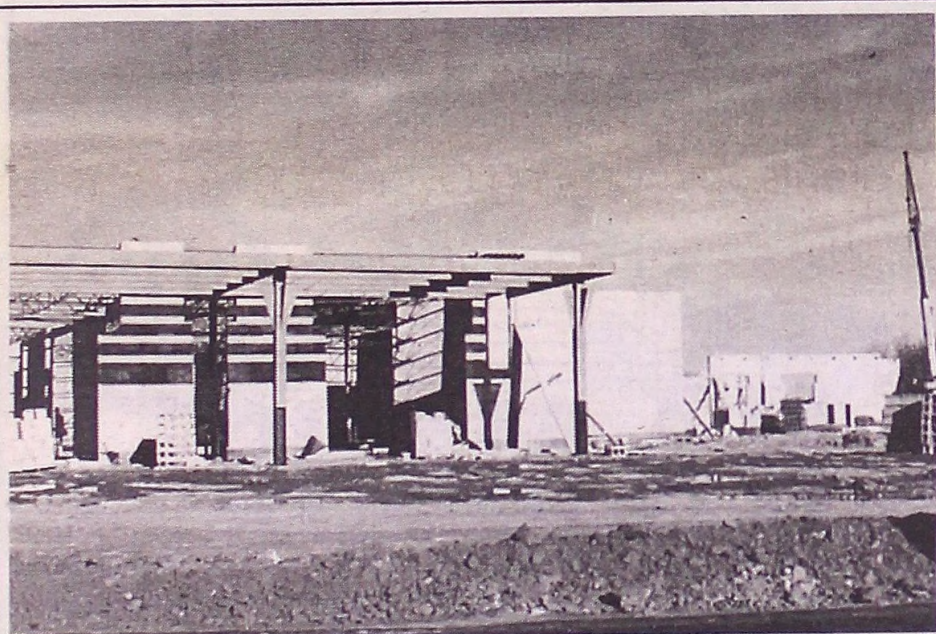
From Start To Finish



July 2000 marked the start of the construction process for the new Romulus Elementary School.



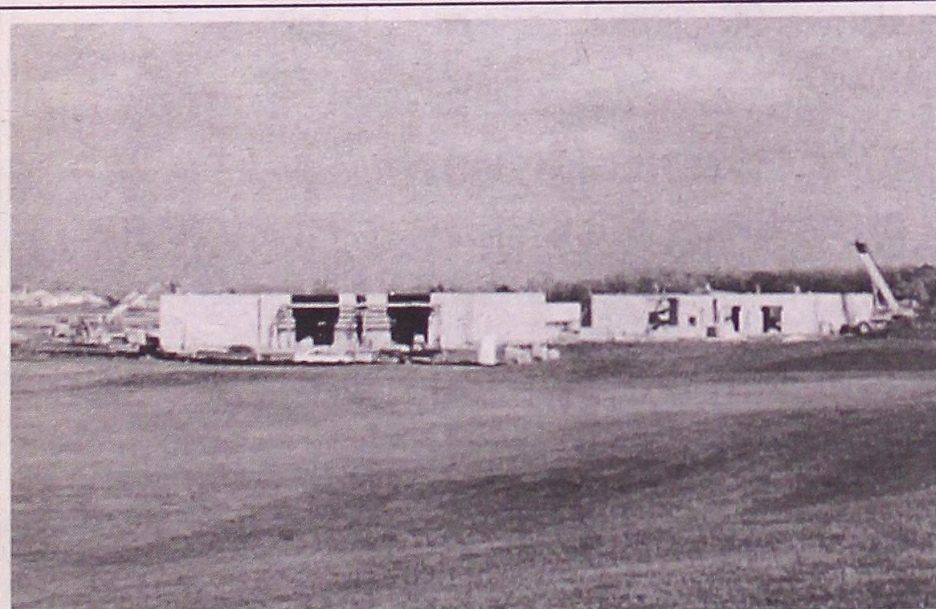
The first item of business was tree removal and ground leveling, which created a clear view to the Gateway Golf Course in the background.



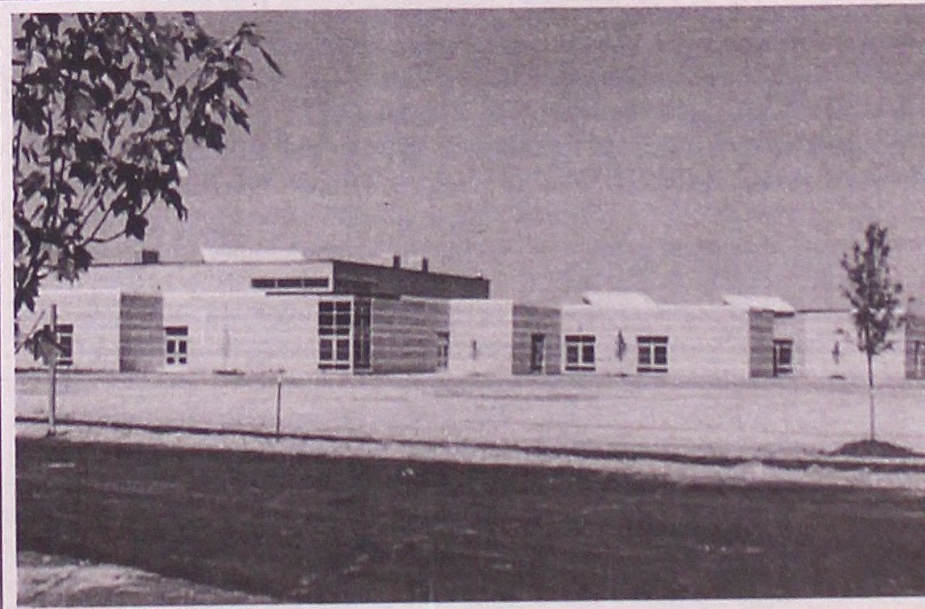
Steel beams were erected to provide strong structural support ...



... then cement blocks began to enclose the new building.



A view from the 12th green at Gateway shows the entire 53,000-square-foot school taking shape.



By August of 2001, the school is ready to greet over 350 new students for the 2001-2002 school year.

Community Calendar

- **Recipes Sought** – The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is seeking "secret family recipes" for its new cookbook. Recipes do not have to utilize pumpkin or other "harvest" ingredients; all types are welcome. To share your recipes (and, if possible, the story of how or why they became a family tradition), mail them to committee member Rosalie Berlinn at 15518 Oakbrook, Romulus, MI 48174, or fax them to her at 734-941-4304.
- **Donations Needed** – The Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Region III and Region IV) is asking for donations for its fourth annual Community Baby Shower, which will benefit dozens of low-income mothers-to-be and new mothers in our area. Cash or new, unwrapped items are equally welcome. For more information, call Katrina Kelly at 734-782-6332.
- **"Once on This Island"** – Downriver Teen Players and DYPAC (Downriver Youth Performing Arts Center) proudly present "Once on This Island" (a Caribbean retelling of Hans Christian Anderson's "The Little Mermaid") on Friday, August 10, and Saturday, August 11 (both shows at 8 p.m.) at Woodhaven High School. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$5 for students/seniors. For more information, please call Pam Szczepaniak at 734-671-8425.
- **Cruise Night** – Romulus Auto Supply and Romulus Showtime Video invite you to dress up '50s style, get into your classic car, drive over to their downtown parking lot on Goddard Road, and spend a warm summer night bringing back old memories (or making new ones) on "Cruise Night" – a weekly event that will feature the simple pleasures of hot dogs, soft drinks, good music, and even better company. Cruise Night runs from 6 p.m. until dark every Tuesday (next date: August 14) through the end of September. For more information, call 734-942-7999.
- **Benefit Golf Outing** – The Romulus High School baseball program's second annual golf outing/fund-raiser is set for Saturday, August 25, at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Club on Ecorse Road. Shotgun start for the event, which will have a four-person-scrabble format, will be at 1:30 p.m. A \$75-per-person cost includes 18 holes with cart, small bucket of range balls, and various competitions with prizes; other highlights will include a skins competition, putting for dollars, and raffles. The registration/payment deadline is August 17. Call Coach Keith Brothers (734-942-6852) for info.
- **"Tiny Elvis" Contest** – Contestants are being sought for a "Tiny Elvis" contest, which will be held at Romeo Village Park (32 Mile & Old Van Dyke) beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 2 (Peach Festival weekend). Competition will be divided into four age groups (2–5, 6–9, 10–12, and "open/any age"). Contestants will be judged based on costume, "Elvis moves," and singing (must provide own music on a CD). Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place for the first three age groups. There is no fee to enter. To register, contestants may contact the Romeo Main Street office (810-752-0527) any weekday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or request an entry form by mail at Romeo Main Street office, 231 No. Main, Romeo, MI 48065. Deadline for entering is August 15. (Sponsored by the Romeo Masonic Lodge #41 and Romeo Main Street Organization.)
- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 13. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can ask questions by calling 734-942-7571.
- **PWP Hosts Dance Events** – Downriver Chapter 369 of Parents Without Partners invites single parents to attend its "Show Your School Spirit" Dance, to be held at the Taylor Moose (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard) on Friday, September 14, and its "Homecoming Metro" Dance on Saturday, September 22 (both dances from 9 p.m. to 12:45 a.m.) Cash bar. DJ: Sound Spectrum. Cost is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. For more information, call the Chapter Hotline (313-388-8488) or Membership Information (734-284-7330).
- **Open Registration at Romulus Head Start** – Romulus Head Start is now enrolling three- and four-year-old children for its free preschool program. For eligibility information, call 734-727-9920.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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TerraNova Scores Improve

Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum for Romulus Community Schools, has announced that the district's third-graders have significantly improved their scores on the reading, language arts, and math portions of the national TerraNova achievement test.

"Our average third-grade score was equal to or better than 46% of the third-graders nationally who were administered the TerraNova," he stated.

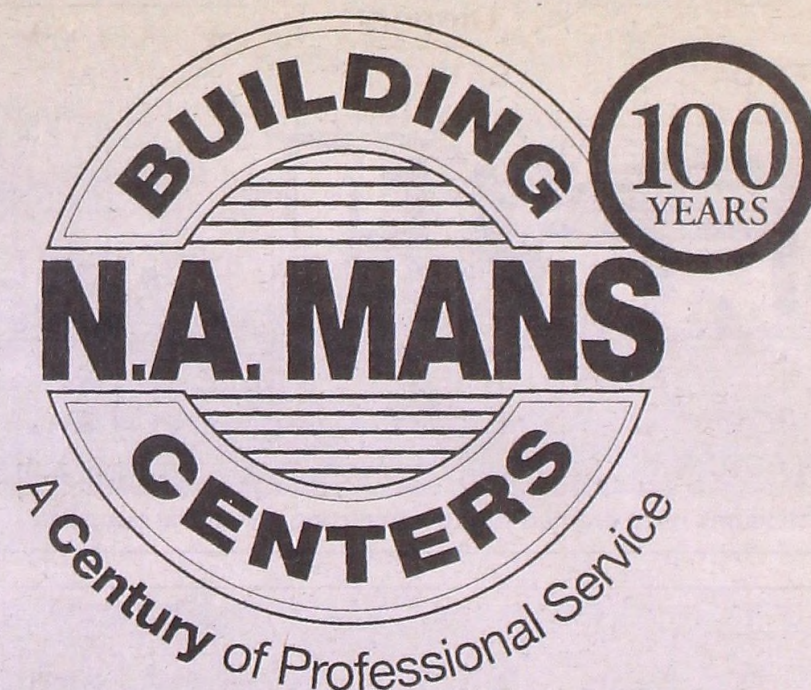
According to Dolan, the TerraNova is closely aligned with the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program), and can be a good indicator of how our students will do on the fourth-grade MEAP this year.

"The 46% score is considered to be within the average range, and compares favorably to the 31% score of last year," he explained.



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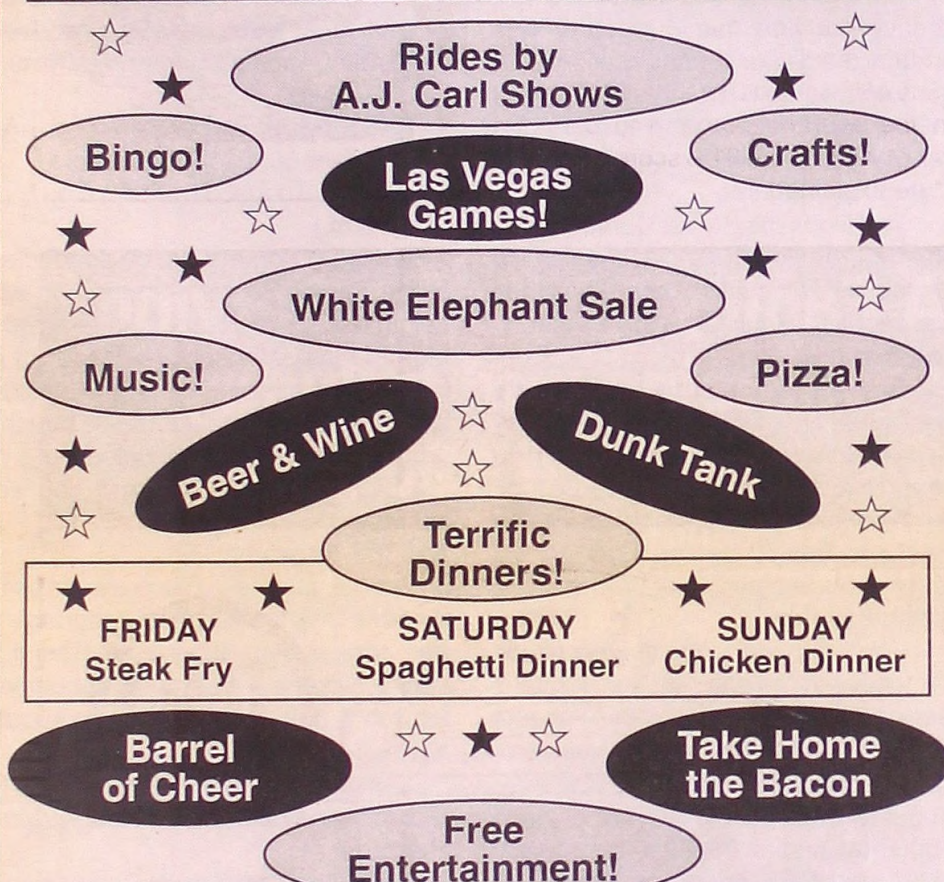
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Recreation News

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

Local Athletes Excel

The Romulus Recreation Department competed against more than 1,000 youths from 37 other communities in the 44th Annual Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet at Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville on Thursday, July 26. Boys and girls in four age divisions (Class A, 13 to 14; Class B, 11 to 12; Class C, 9 to 10; and Class D, 7 to 8) took part in events such as the standing and running broad jumps; the 50-, 60-, and 75-yard dashes; shuttle relays, agility runs, chinning, and soft-ball throws.

Team Romulus came away with four first-place and eight second-place plaques. The plaque-winners included:

- Jevon Edwards, LaKeshia Fuller, Tylon Pitts, and Sharie Pool (first place, shuttle relay, Class A);
- Najee Goodman, Gabrielle Hall, Ondre Mathews, and Kanaya Williams (second place, shuttle relay, Class B);
- Matt Adams, Demetrius Bailey, Britany Bishop, and Taylor Johnson (second place, shuttle relay, Class C).

Fall Softball

The Romulus Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the ISA Fall Softball program, with play in the following divisions:

- Tuesday Co-ed
(6 teams/10 games/1 umpire; \$300 per team also covers balls, score-keepers, and field maintenance).
- Friday Men's
(6 teams/10 games/2 umpires; \$325 per team also covers balls, score-keepers, and field maintenance);
- Sunday Men's
(10 teams/9 games/2 umpires; \$325 per team also covers balls, score-keepers, and field maintenance).

Both men's divisions will be limited to six home runs per team per game.

Some important dates:

- registration deadline: August 17
- manager's meeting: August 21
- Friday play begins: August 24
- Sunday play begins: August 26

Men's Drop-in Basketball

A drop-in basketball program for Romulus men (proper I.D. required) will be held each Tuesday from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at Romulus Middle School beginning October 2 and continuing through March 26. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Gymnastics

The Romulus Recreation Department will offer an eight-week fall gymnastics program at the Recreation Center each Tuesday (September 11 to October 30) according to the following schedule:

- ages 3 and 4 (5:15 to 6 p.m.)
 - ages 3 and 4 (6 to 6:45 p.m.)
 - ages 5 to 7 (6:45 to 7:30 p.m.)
 - ages 8 and up (7:30 to 8:15 p.m.).
- Cost is \$55 per child. Advance registration is required.

Clogging

The Romulus Recreation Department's 10-week clogging class is set to begin September 10 and continue each Monday at Cory Elementary according to the following schedule:

- beginners: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 - advanced cloggers: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Cost is \$20 per person. Advance registration is required.

Karate

The next 10-week karate program for ages seven and up is set to begin September 10. The Monday/Wednesday classes will be held at Romulus High School from 6:30 to 7:30 for beginners, and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for advanced students. Cost is \$35 for one student, \$65 for two family members, or \$90 for the family plan. Preregistration is required.

Kickboxing

The next 10-week kickboxing program will begin September 11 at Romulus Elementary and continue each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 for one day per week or \$77 for two; \$7 per day for walk-ins. Preregistration is required.

Quilters Welcome!

The Romulus Recreation Department invites quilters and "quilter wannabes" of all skill levels to drop in at the Center on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. to share information and enjoy the company of fellow needleworkers.

Ceramics

The Romulus Recreation Department will resume its drop-in ceramics classes on September 10 and continue them each Monday at 1 and 6 p.m. All are welcome. □

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

Senior Softball

Unfortunately, this summer's unusually hot and humid weather has brought the senior softball season to an early end, so the Center is already planning to begin next season earlier in the year. Watch for updates in future issues.

Computer Classes

The Romulus Senior Center will be offering free computer classes this fall for seniors who qualify. Dates and times are pending. Register at the Center.

Fall Bowling

Seniors interested in bowling with/ serving as an alternate for the Monday Senior Bowling League are asked to attend a meeting to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, at the Romulus Senior Center. Bowling will resume September 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Fresh Produce

For a transportation charge of just \$1, local seniors can ride the Romulus Senior Center van to Block's Fruit and Vegetable Market to shop for fresh produce on the following dates: Thursday, August 16; Tuesday, August 21; and Thursday, August 30. All trips depart at 9:30 a.m. Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

Shopping

For a transportation fee of just \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at the Belleville Meijer on Thursday, August 23, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- **Houghton Lake Cruise** (August 18; \$39);
- **"Lighthouse Cruise" (Straits of Mackinac)** (August 27-28, \$199);
- **Branson, Missouri** (October 26-30; \$499);
- **Biloxi/New Orleans** (November 4-10; \$527); and
- **Turtle Creek/Traverse Bay** (November 16-17; \$85).

Crime Watch

The Romulus Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, Damian Hull, will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 16, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces always welcome.

Health Checks

The Romulus Senior Center urges everyone interested in monitoring their health to mark their calendars with the following dates:

- **FREE** blood pressure, cholesterol, and sugar tests; no fasting required (Friday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and
- **FREE** health screenings for everyone over 60; \$15 for all others (Friday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

All testing programs will be conducted at the Senior Center. Although no appointment is necessary to take advantage of these monitoring services, it is important to remember that preregistration by enough people ensures that the programs will not be canceled.

Sign up at the Center if you are interested.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program — a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens — has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15.

As always, both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852).

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, August 20, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: All haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.75, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation.

Volunteer Positions Open

The Romulus Senior Center is always looking for friendly volunteers who would like to become more involved in the Center by helping to plan and execute its various programs. To find out more about how you can give the priceless gift of caring, please contact Linda Norman, Program Coordinator. □

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Obituaries

Peter G. Champaigne

Peter G. Champaigne of Romulus, Michigan, died Saturday, July 28, 2001. He was 54 years old.

The native of New Liskeard, Ontario, Canada, was born May 17, 1947.

Among those surviving Peter are his wife, Nancy J. Champaigne; a son, Darren Champaigne (Dover, DE); three brothers, Edward (Midland, Ontario), Jerry (Sudbury, Ontario), and Lloyd Champaigne (Sudbury); four sisters,

Helen Long (Toronto, Ontario), Pauline Michel (Sudbury), Janet Dilbey (Acton, Ontario), and Marie VonDohren (Vancouver, British Columbia); and two grandchildren, Bailey and Britanie.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, August 1, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Terry A. Grishaber

Terry A. Grishaber of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, July 25, 2001. He was 47 years old.

The avid hunter/fisherman and member of the New Boston Sportsman's Club was born in Belleville, Michigan on March 18, 1954.

Among those surviving Terry are his wife, Cindy Grishaber; one son, Terry (Mandie) Grishaber, Jr. (Romulus); two daughters, Misty (Clinton) Rennie (Belleville) and Theresa (Kris) Lashlee (Flat

Rock, MI); his father, Clarence Grishaber (Milan, MI); three brothers, Jimmy N. (Belleville), Jeffrey D., and Gary L. Grishaber (Milan); and seven grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 4, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Michael "Mikey" Markus

Michael "Mikey" Markus of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, August 4, 2001, at the age of 21.

Mikey is the beloved son of Michael and Linda; dearest brother of Sherri and Kristi; dear grandson of Gene and Attie

Stanley; loving uncle of Andrea, Jimmy, and Hanna; and nephew of JoJo.

A funeral service was held on August 7 at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home (Taylor, MI). Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Ronald W. Schonscheck

Ronald W. Schonscheck of Romulus, Michigan died on Tuesday, August 7, 2001, at the age of 68.

The lifelong Romulus resident was born October 18, 1932.

Among those surviving Ronald are his son, Greg (Carolyn) Schonscheck (Belleville, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Michael (Gail) McCormack and Mrs. Dave (Donna) Zagula (both of Romulus); two siblings, Frederick Schonscheck and Mrs. Norma Poet (both of Romulus);

and five grandkids, Harley McCormack; Morgan, Niki, and Riley Schonscheck; and Dylan Zagula.

A funeral service was held on Friday, August 10, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (New Boston, MI), with Pastor D. Lee Cullen, Jr., officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to St. Paul's Church. □

Cheryl M. Van Allen

Cheryl M. Van Allen of Belleville, Michigan, died on Tuesday, July 31, 2001. She was 51 years old.

The native of Ypsilanti, Michigan – born August 11, 1949 – was employed as a teacher by the Romulus Community Schools. She enjoyed golfing, reading, and gardening.

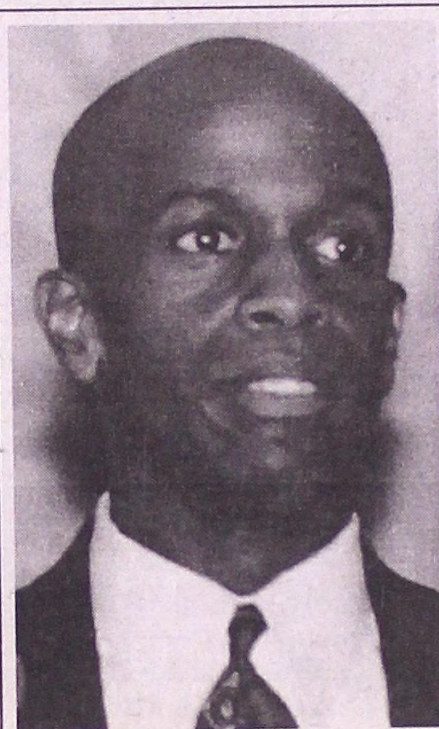
Cheryl was the beloved wife of the late Dennis Van Allen, who passed away on October 31, 2000; loving mother of Krista (Trevor) Wilcox (Howell, MI) and Heather (Aron) Casey (St. Petersburg, FL); dearest daughter of the late Stefan

Krakowiak and Lula Bell (Clark) Krakowiak (Belleville); dear sister of Janet Marion; and loving grandmother of two grandchildren, Lexie Wilcox and Avery Casey.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, August 2, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Deacon Peter Cornell officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the Cheryl Van Allen Library Memorial Fund for Halecreek and Romulus elementary schools. □

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Rev. Humes Celebrates 11th Anniversary



Reverend Virgil Humes

Members of the New Hope Baptist Church (located at 33640 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, MI) will celebrate the eleventh anniversary of their pastor, Rever-

end Virgil Humes, on Sunday, August 12, during the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship hours. A reception will be held immediately following the 11 a.m. service.

"Reverend Humes is a strong, prayerful, and visionary leader for the members of New Hope," said congregation member Mae Jackson. "Under his leadership, the church has more than tripled its membership, and we have moved from an 8,000-square-foot building to a spacious 24,000-square-foot building."

"Because he knows that the youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow, Reverend Humes is actively involved in several school districts as a mentor, parent-group leader, graduation and assembly speaker, Career Day participant, and guest reader at schools during National Reading Month," she continued. "His pulpit has been an open forum for national and state senators, as well as representatives, judges, mayors, state and local school board members, city council members, Wayne County Commissioners, and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department."

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